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In re application of: Hiroshi NOMURA

Application No. : 10/646,860

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For : OPTICAL ELEMENT RETRACTING MECHANISM FOR A PHOTOGRAPHING LENS

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Group Art Unit : 2851

Examiner : Arthur A. Smith

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop \_\_\_\_\_  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

- \_\_\_\_ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- \_\_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- \_\_\_\_ A Request for Extension of Time.
- X A Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, and references cited.
- \_\_\_\_ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims: 43	*32	11	x25=	\$	x 50=	\$550.00
Indep. Claims: 3	**3	0	x100=	\$	x200=	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+180=	\$	+360=	\$ 0.00
Extension Fees for _____ Month(s)				\$		\$ 0.00
Total:				\$	Total:	\$550.00

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X A check in the amount of \$550.00 to cover the filing fee is included.

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X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3)).

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